# **Minutes**

# **Liveable Cities Advisory Committee**



Date: 2 December 2019	<b>Time:</b> 5.38pm – 7.30pm	Venue: City Hall, Level 2 Lord Mayor's Reception Room
Meeting No: 3	Meeting Objective: Liveable Cities Advisory Committee	

#### Welcome

#### 1.1 Attendance

Cr John MacKenzie – Chairperson
Cr John Church
Cr Peta Winney-Baartz
Sue Anne Ware – University of Newcastle
Steve O'Connor – Planning Institute of Australia
Dr Steven Fleming – community member
David Moir – community member
David Clarke – Director Governance
Michelle Bisson – Manager Regulatory, Planning and Assessment

### 1.2 Apologies

Cr Declan Clausen
Lord Mayor Nuatali Nelmes
Rachel Cogger – Urban Development Institute of Australia
Kristi Jorgensen – Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation
Kerry Edson – Executive Assistant to Director Governance - Minute Taker

#### 1.3 Guests

Patricia McCarthy – Urban Planning Section Manager Kieran Woolfe - SGS

#### 2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

2.1 None.

#### 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Actions Arising

- 3.1 Minutes of the second Liveable Cities Advisory Committee (LCAC) meeting of 1 October 2019 were moved by Cr Church and seconded by Cr MacKenzie.
- 3.2 The minutes will be placed on City of Newcastle's (CN) website.
- 3.3 David Clarke gave an overview of the actions arising.

#### 4. Local Employment Lands Strategy

- 4.1 Kieran Woolfe from SGS presented an overview of the employment lands strategy undertaken for the Newcastle LGA. Members discussed the following points:
  - Special zones considered Port? University? John Hunter Hospital?
  - Industrial, retail, commercial needs considered what about health and education?
  - Future car parking in Newcastle City Centre?

- Have to factor in areas for employment growth
- Affordability is not the only issue jobs growth is key
- Can't do everything everywhere what is best mix?
- Changing nature of the suburbs (working from home, small business)
- Maintaining local character
- Seeing / influencing change in our LGA through the lense of liveability
- Development renewal along light rail / renewal corridor

## 5. Local Strategic Planning Strategy (LSPS)

- 5.1 Patty McCarthy presented the draft LSPS and noted it will be reported to Council's Ordinary meeting next week, and subject to approval will go on public exhibition in February 2020. Members discussed the following points:
  - Evidence base needed to reach vision needed current metrics won't get there.
  - Liveability metrics / measures needed to help measure / test progress towards LSPS objectives (eg. Global Liveability Index) and how the LSPS objectives support liveability.
  - Steven Fleming to provide comments regarding active transport and cycling.
  - Engagement of support draft LSPS should include writing to those who engaged in pre-consultation. Suggestion of a video including school kids and their drawings.
- 5.6 ACTION: Cr MacKenzie to draft a statement from LCAC regarding the draft LSPS to provide to Council as part of its meeting next week. Draft to be circulated to members for review.

#### 6. General Business

- 6.1 Steven Fleming asked about the need for pedestrian crossing points on Gordon Avenue, Hamilton South.
- 6.2 ACTION: David Clarke to seek advice regarding pedestrian crossings on Gordon Avenue.
- 6.3 Cycling Working Party Cr MacKenzie gave an update on the recent Cycling Working Party meeting. Steven Fleming highlighted the potential for a Waterways Discovery Loop Cottage Creek and Styx Creek.
- 6.4 ACTION: David Clarke to circulate link to recently released Gateways City Report.
- 6.5 David Clarke noted that Working Party reports will be provided to the Committee at the next meeting.

#### 7. Closing

- 7.1 Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 February 2020 at 5.30pm in City Hall, Level 2, Lord Mayor's Reception Room.
- 12.2 Meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Chairperson Cr MacKenzie 18/2/20